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1. FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL BRIEFED

CHARGE ON JULY 9 SHORTLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE JULY8-9 FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT REPORTED SEPTTEL. VAN WELL SAID THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY WOULD TAKE PLACE ON JULY 31 IN PARIS AS REPORTED REFTTEL. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DIALOGUE, VAN WELL SAID THAT THE EC HAD PRESENTED A LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE ARABS' CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS CONCERNS EUROPEAN AID IN DEVELOPING ARAB INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL IN RETURN FOR OIL. VAN WELL STATED THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, IF CONCLUDED, WOULD BE COMPARABLE IN MANY RESPECTS TO THE US-SAUDI AGREEMENT. HE ALSO SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS, I.E., THE GERMANS BUILDING A REFINERY IN THE SUDAN, WITH THE SUDANESE RECEIVING CREDITS FROM THE SAUDIS, WOULD BE EXPLORED.

2. VAN WELL STATED THAT THE INITIATION OF THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE HAS THUS FAR HAD A FAVORABLE POLITICAL SPINOFF. THE POLITICAL CLIMATE BETWEEN ARAB AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAS GENERALLY IMPROVED, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE BEEN FACILITATED. VAN WELL SAID THAT THE ARABS ARE HAVING COORDINATION PROBLEMS AMONG THEMSELVES, AND THAT THE JULY 31 MEETING IN PARIS WOULD BE ONE IN WHICH THE ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD PROBABLY DO MORE LISTENING THAN TALKING. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED TO THE FRG BY EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMI DURING HIS JULY 3-5 VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. AS FOR A FULL BLOWN SUMMIT BETWEEN ARAB AND EUROPEAN STATES, VAN WELL INDICATED THAT THIS WAS STILL QUITE FAR OFF IN THE FUTURE.

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